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SUBJ: END OF POSTER CAMPAIGN IN SHANGHAI

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SUMMARY: SHANGHAI'S MASSIVE AMOI-LIN PIAO, ANTI-CONFUCIAN POSTER CAMPAIGN, OR A PHASE OF IT, MAY HAVE ENDED FEBRUARY 27. ACCORDING TO US BUSINESSMEN PRESENT ON THAT DATE, WORK CREWS SPENT THE ENTIRE DAY REMOVING POSTERS FROM WALLS AND SHIP FRONTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. END SUMMARY.

1. TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CRANSTON PRINT WORKS CO. (PRESIDENT, F.L. ROCKERFELLER, AND VICE PRESIDENT, JOHN GREGORY) CALLED ON CONGEN MARCH 1 TO RELATE THEIR EXPERIENCES DURING VISITS TO PEKING, SHANGHAI AND CANTON. IN SHANGHAI, FEBRUARY 27, THEY SAID WORK CREWS APPEARED ON THE STREETS AT 7:30 AM AND BEGAN REMOVING POSTERS FROM  
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WALLS AND SHOPS FRONTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THIS WORK

CONTINUED ALL DAY. WHEN ASKED WHY THE POSTERS WERE COMING DOWN, CHINESE OFFICIALS REPLIED THAT "THE POSTERS COULD NOT REMAIN UP FOREVER, AND THOSE ON SHOP WINDOWS MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO SEE THE GOODS INSIDE."

2. DURING THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 27, THEY ALSO WITNESSED A LARGE PARADE OF DOWN-TO-THE-COUNTRYSIDE YOUTH THROUGH THE CITY. THEY FELT, HOWEVER, THIS WAS NOT CONNECTED WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE POSTERS. IN SHANGHAI, THEY ASKED TO GO TO HANGCHOW, BUT WERE TOLD IT WAS "INCONVENIENT".

3. THE GROUP WAS TAKEN SIGHTSEEING IN PEKING AND SHOWN TEXTILE FACTORIES IN PEKING AND SHANGHAI. IN SHANGHAI, NEGOTIATIONS WERE HELD AT THEIR HOTEL BECAUSE THE CHINESE SAID THEIR OFFICES WERE "TOO COLD". THE AMERICANS WERE ALLOWED TO MOVE ABOUT FREELY IN SHANGHAI AND TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS.

4. IN THEIR CONTACT WITH HOST CORPORATION OFFICIALS, ROCKEFELLER SAID HE FOUND THE CHINESE RELAXED AND WILLING TO TALK ABOUT THE ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN. CHINESE OFFICIALS TOLD HIM THE CAMPAIGNING WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE "REVISIONISTS" HAD DEVIATED FROM THE IDEALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND THIS HAD TO BE RECTIFIED.

5. DURING THE VISIT, CRANSTON PLACED "SIGNIFICANT" ORDERS FOR GRAY GOODS. ROCKEFELLER SAID SUPPLIES WERE GREATER THAN HE HAD ANTICIPATED. PRICE WAS SLIGHTLY HIGHER BUT STILL REASONABLE. IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT FUTURE ORDERS, CRANSTON FOUND THE CHINESE FLEXIBLE ON REQUESTS FOR CHANGES IN WEAVE AND WIDTH OF MATERIAL. CRANSTON WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THIS VISIT AND FELT ASSURED OF FUTURE INVITATIONS.

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